

## A Publication of News and Events

*Thank you for welcoming me. It's very important to me to serve you well. I encourage you to be stakeholders in your home here in Trappe and to be informed and involved in issues that will impact you and your town.*

Frank Hall, Trappe Town Planner, September Town Meeting



### Early Thanksgiving Times in Trappe

For reasons not now clear, the fertile region north of the Choptank River had few if any permanent Indian inhabitants when the first white men arrived in the 1630s. The Choptanks hunted and fished in the area, but their villages were on the south bank of the river in an arc stretching from the present site of Cambridge to Secretary. There is abundant evidence, however, that they had lived earlier in what became Trappe District. Arrowheads, stone axes and stone and bone implements have been found at many places, notably in the vicinity of Chlora's Point, Raccoon Creek and Bow Knee Point. The Indians did leave one tangible reminder of their presence, though—foot paths and trails through the woods which had been established through many generations. These led inland from each of Trappe District's many necks and converged at a central point near the present town of Trappe. There the main trail continued north.

Since the Indians paths followed the natural terrain from the head of one creek or cove to the next, white men made good use of them when they began to build highways. Many of today's smaller blacktop roads in Trappe District follow the routes of the ancient Indian trails.

Reprinted from *Trappe The Story of an Old-Fashioned Town*, by Dickson Preston (pages 7 & 8). The book is available for purchase at the Trappe town office for \$5.00 + tax.

### Trappe Town Council October Meeting

- The Council introduced the "PN" Planned Neighborhood Zoning amendment. This bill establishes the basic requirements for Planned Developments in the Town's growth area. Features include requirement for 30% open space, a mix of housing types, incentives for affordable housing and creation of greenbelts. There will be a Public Hearing Nov. 5th at 7:15pm.
- There will also be a Public Hearing on Floating Zone Ordinance Nov 5th at 7:00pm.
- The Council approved a motion to designate the Village Center of Trappe as a "potential Targeted Investment Zone" as part of the draft Heritage Area Plan. Frank Hall will follow up with the Heritage Area Group.
- The Council discussed establishing rates in lieu of meeting the open space requirements.
- The Home Run Baker members have begun a monthly Trappe Night dinner/social. There was discussion of forming a Community Events Committee to oversee this and future events. Details will be presented in December.

### Trappe Planning Commission October Meeting

- At the request of the Town Council the Planning Commission made recommendations regarding the desirable mixture of housing types in planned developments. The recommendation calls for a minimum of 50% single family detached and at least three kinds of housing in any development.
- The Commission agreed to take up design guidelines at its next workshop.
- Workshops are informal meetings at which no official decisions are made. This is a place for free discussion, exploration of options and solicited expert advice. Usually over a few workshops the commission develops a consensus. These workshops are open to the public and subject to the discretion of the Chairperson, limited public input is permitted. If agreement is reached the Commission will make a formal recommendation to the Town Council at a regular public meeting. The Council will then consider the recommendation and take comment at a public hearing before making a decision. This process gives interested parties many opportunities to keep informed and influence the outcome.

### Information from the Town Clerk:

- The Town Office will be closed for Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>
- The Town Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>



➤ **Trappe POTTERY IS HERE** and can be seen and purchased at the Town Office. Perfect for collecting and holiday gift giving! Each piece is lead-free, oven-proof, and dishwasher safe. See these beautiful pieces today. **PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BEFORE NOV. 15 FOR CHRISTMAS**



### Counting Our Blessings:

#### 100 Things to Love About Trappe

(Here are a few, please send in your own until we reach 100)

- 1 People wave to each other
- 2 Stories told about "the good old days" by those who remember when
- 3 The beautiful farmland that surrounds us
- 4 Little League baseball games
- 5 Main Street at Christmastime
- 6 The good humor at Town Meetings



### GIRL SCOUT LEADERS BEING RECRUITED NOW

Adult leaders and co-leaders are needed for Daisy and Junior Girl Scouts in the Trappe community. This is a valuable and rewarding activity. We need your help! We have girls waiting to join! Please contact Jean Sard at 410.476.3301 or bnutt@fastol.com

### FRESH CRANBERRY RELISH ~ A Thanksgiving Specialty

The cranberry is one of only a handful of major fruits native to North America. Others include the blueberry and Concord grape. Long before the Pilgrims arrived, Native Americans mixed deer meat and mashed cranberries to make pemmican, a convenience food that kept for long periods of time. They are very high in vitamin C and were once eaten by sailors to prevent scurvy.



Wash fresh cranberries, discarding any that are too soft. Use liquid soap to wash 1 large or 2 small oranges; rinse VERY WELL. Do not peel but cut into pieces. Grind both fruits in a meat grinder or food processor, being careful not to liquefy. Add ½ cup (more or less to taste) sugar. Allow to season overnight.

**THIS MONTH'S WEB SITE PICK: Talbot County Free Library ~ Online information for Facts & Fun** There's more to checkout at the library these days than just books. Love to read, but too busy to travel to the library? Want to search the library catalog? Renew or reserve a book? Access one of many general, periodicals, biographical, or resource data bases? Need homework help? Like to keep up with a special interest such as animals, healthcare, or genealogy?



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SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL GOODS & SERVICES by Ann E. Dorbin

The holidays are the perfect time to spruce up a room or curl up in front of a cozy fire in your favorite chair from . . .

CLASSIC CUSHION DESIGN ~ Fine Chairdressing & Upholstery  
Donna duHoffman, Seamstress & Proprietress 4018 Main Street 410.822.8580

Drive by Classic Cushion Design at almost any time of day or night, and you're likely to find the light on. Nestled into her small shop, surrounded by two lovely chairs lit up in the front windows, thousands of fabric swatches, pieces of furniture in various stages of rejuvenation, and a black lab named Misha snuggled happily into a dog bed at her owner's feet, Donna duHoffman is busy at work on her sewing machine.

The hours of the shop? "Whenever I'm here!" Donna replies. "I'm here every day, but I'm in and out. A lot of my business is out of the shop—I pick up pieces, make deliveries, show fabric to customers, scour stores for new fabrics, and go to auctions looking for furniture to buy. Sometimes I come back to work in the evening or at night. Drive by at three in the morning, and you'll see the light on sometimes."

Donna grew up in New Jersey and later lived in New York City, where she met her husband, Tony, who was born and raised there. There are ten children in the family (seven from Tony's previous marriage), two of whom, Dane (13) and Michael (11), still live at home on the family's small farm on Barber Road in Trappe District.

About 12 years ago, Donna began upholstering in what she says is the usual way: with a yard sale chair that she tore apart and put back together. "The next thing I knew," she says, "I was doing pieces for family and friends. Eventually I started doing it for a living." She worked for Joe Brickwedde, a well-known craftsman in Bethlehem, Maryland who restored fine furniture. She also worked in a canvas shop, making cushions for custom boat interiors, including Grand Banks yachts at Dickerson Boatyard.

Most of her business comes from word-of-mouth referrals. Donna started out with a shop at her home and moved to her present location at the corner of Main Street and Maple Avenue two years ago. Prior to that, Donna's husband, Tony, operated a bicycle shop in the same building.

Classic Cushion offers a variety of upholstery services. Some pieces are brought in only for repair, to be re-sprung and shored up. Others need to be fully restored and upholstered. Donna also makes custom-fit slip covers "Sure, you can buy an over-the-counter slipcover," she says, "and for \$200 get something for a sofa that's got elastic and ties. . . and it looks like your Aunt Mimi's muumuu!" Donna's slip covers are nearly the same as upholstering; every piece is progressively hand pinned and sewn for a perfect fit. She says she often makes slipcovers for customers who wish to change the look of a room, perhaps a more sophisticated look in the winter and brighter prints in summertime.

"People are under the misconceived notion that upholstery is cheap," Donna adds. "It's not. Sure, if you've got kids and dogs, inexpensive furniture will work fine for a couple years. But with fine furniture, antiques, or a piece with sentimental value, oftentimes the better way to go is custom restoration."

Donna also sells finished pieces at the Antique Dealers Mall at 450 Race Street in downtown Cambridge.

Next spring she plans to relocate to a larger shop behind her home, where, besides upholstery services, refurbished antiques will be offered for sale.



"Bah, trashbug!"

The holidays are here which usually means decorating, family gatherings, parties, and gift giving.

Also bigger meals, more guests, gift packages, and Christmas trees; which means more trash to dispose of. If Scrooge were here he might exclaim, "Bah, trashbug!" As a reminder, here is a review of the Town Ordinance for trash

- trash or waste must be kept in an appropriate receptacle or in an area that is screened from view of the public until it is collected

- trash should be set out the night before trash collection and not before - all trash cans must have lids on them

- please use trash bags that are sturdy enough for the contents & that can be tied properly

- limit per residence is 3 thirty-gallon containers or 8 tied bags, with a maximum weight of 60 lbs.

- limit for commercial is 6 thirty-gallon containers or 12 tied bags, with a maximum weight of 60 lbs.

- cardboard boxes must be broken down - leaves/yard waste will be accepted if placed in tied bags or containers as long as they do not exceed limit

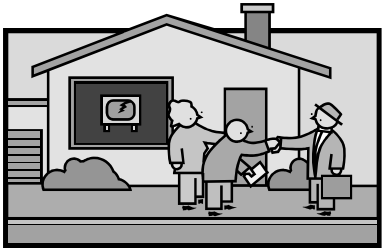
- tree limbs and sticks accepted if tied in bundles no longer than 3 ft. or 60 lbs. in weight

- tires, paint, oil, major appliances, and hazardous wastes cannot be disposed of at the regional landfill and will not be collected

- Christmas trees will be picked up only during the designated pick up in mid-January

- appliances, etc. will be picked up on Special Trash Pickups four times a year (no regular trash picked up on Special Trash Pickups

RECYCLING PAYS! Glass, plastic bottles, household metals, newspapers, and other miscellaneous paper can all be dropped off at the recycling igloos adjacent to the Trappe Firehouse or behind Shore Stop. Recycling reduces the amount of refuse in your trash receptacle. Because town trash expense is based on weight, less trash at the curb means lower costs to the town, which helps keep your town taxes from rising.



WELCOME to these new town residents:

Gregory Kleponis, Main Street  
Margaret Leonard, Marvel Drive  
Mr. & Mrs. George E. Reid, Jr., Marvel Drive  
Christine Routzahn, Main Street  
Ann Thomas, Greenfield Ave.

November 2003

WANTED: A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS ~  
Give the gift of Reading to a Child The R.I.S.E. (Reading Enrichment For Student Excellence) program needs Monday and Wednesday volunteers. If you would like to know more about the program, please contact Mrs. Susan Redmond at White Marsh Elementary: 410.476.3144 or email: sredmah@tcps

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 24, 2003.		Scott's UMC 11 am Young at Heart 1:30 pm MidDay Bible Study 7 pm Evening Bible Study 7 pm WMES PTO Meeting		Trappe Spaghetti Dinner Join your neighbors!! 6 pm to 8 pm See attached flier for information	SAT I, SAT II & ELPT Testing
2	3	4 EHS Band Boosters Meeting 7 PM	5  Public Hearings 7pm Floating Zone 7:15pm PN Ordinance 7:30pm Town Council Mtg.	6 Scott's UMC 5 pm Church School 6:30 pm Girl Scout Brownie Troop #906 EHS Town Mtg 6:30pm W/Dr. Salmon	7 WMES PTO Parents Drop In 8 am to 10am EMS Fall Dance 6 pm to 9 pm	8 7:30 - 10:00 am Country Church Breakfast Trappe UMC
9	10	11 Veteran's Day TOWN OFFICE CLOSED WMES GS Cadet Mtg. 4 pm EHS College Prep Night 6 pm EHS 8th grd Info Night 6 pm	12 Planning Commission WrkShop- 7:30 pm Design Guidelines Scott's UMC 11 am Young at Heart 1:30pm MidDay Bible Study 7 pm Evening Bible Study	13 Scott's UMC 5 pm Church School Talbot County Schools Early Dismissal	14 Talbot County Schools -Closed	15  Waterfowl Festival
16 	17 Deadline for order- ing Trappe Pottery in time for Holiday Gifts 	18 EHS ASVAB Military Aptitude Testing 11th Grade	19 Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm & Workshop	20 Scott's UMC 5 pm Church School 6:30 pm Girl Scout Brownie Troop #906 EHS Play 7 pm "Much Ado About Nothing"	21	22 7:30 - 10:00 am Country Church Breakfast Trappe UMC
23	24	25 WMES Girl Scout Troop # 289 Cadet Mtg. 4:00 pm	26 TALBOT COUNTY	27 	28 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED SCHOOLS CLOSED	29
30	Please submit Calendar Events and News Items to the Town Office or call Ann Dorbin at 410-476-3910 or email tinman@friend.ly.net			Thanksgiving		Dec 1-12 WMES Door Decorating Contest Dec 4 WMES Winter Program at EHS Dec 6 SAT I & SAT II Testing Dec 6 WMES Ornament Workshop